श्रीरामपरात्परस्तोत्रम् - Vashishtha's Ode to Sri Ram

ब्रह्मर्थिताद्दशरथात्मजभावयुक्तात्-श्यामावदातवपुषो चिरभांसुकाभात् ।
अध्यात्मयागपरिरक्षणतिग्मषाणात्-रामात्परं किमपि तत्त्वमहं न जाने ॥१॥

Accepting the prayers of the gods headed by Lord Brahma, who have assumed the form of Prince of King Dasharatha, whose dark-complexioned and beautiful divine body is captivating, whose radiance is shining forth, who wielded a sharp bow with arrows to protect the sacrifice of Sage Vishwamitra, there is no supreme entity beyond Sri Ramachandra.

क्षत्रान्तकारिहरिबाणधरान्तकर्तुस्त्रैलोक्यभर्तुरतिशेषसुदर्पहर्तुः ।
वैदेहराजतनयागलरत्नभूपात्-रामात्परं किमपि तत्त्वमहं न जाने ॥२॥

Who shattered the mighty pride and arrogance of Lord Parashurama, who bears the divine bow and arrows of Lord Vishnu and is the destroyer of the warrior class, who protects and sustains the three worlds, who is the very embodiment of the necklace adorning the heart of the Princess of Videha, there is no supreme entity beyond Sri Ramachandra.

लोकाघपुञ्जपरिनाशकशब्द संज्ञात्-वेदान्ततत्त्वपरिनिष्ठितत्वरूपात् ।
योगीन्द्रचित्तशुचिमन्दिरजातबिम्बात् रामात्परं किमपि तत्त्वमहं न जाने ॥३॥

I do not know of any entity beyond the Supreme Transcendental Lord Sri Ramachandra, whose holy name instantly annihilates the entire accumulation of sins, who resides within the secret doctrines of the Vedas and Vedanta in his own intrinsic true divine form, whose essence transcends all, and whose reflection is manifested in the pure minds of the greatest yogis within the sacred temple of their consciousness.

कैकेयिवाक्यनिजराजतृणोपमान्यात्-पित्राज्ञया परिगताद्वनवासकृच्छ्रात् ।
श्रीचित्रकूटनगवासविलासकान्यात् रामात्परं किमपि तत्वमहं न जाने ॥४॥

I do not know of any entity beyond the Supreme Transcendental Lord Sri Ramachandra, who, in obedience to the words of Queen Kaikeyi, relinquished his illustrious kingdom of Ayodhya as easily as one discards a blade of grass, who happily endured the immense hardships of exile in the forest as per his father's command, and who enjoyed the delightful pleasure-filled pastimes on Mount Chitrakuta.

सुग्रीवमित्रपरिनिष्ठितसत्प्रभावात् तिग्मेषु बालिहतकीर्तितसत्यभावात् ।
श्रीवातजातपरिवर्द्धितकीर्तिजालात् रामात्परं किमपि तत्त्वमहं न जाने ॥५॥

I do not know of any entity beyond the Supreme Transcendental Lord Sri Ramachandra, who, with a heart full of friendship towards Sri Sugriva, shattered the pride of the world-conquering Ravana, whose unstoppable fame and innate nature were revealed by a single sharp arrow that brought an end to Bali, and the trumpet of whose unparalleled glory was firmly sounded by Sri Hanumanta, the son of Vayudeva.

यः कुम्भकर्णमपिमेघरवं जघान-आस्यावलीदशयुगाङ्कितहस्तशत्रुम् ।
बाणैकतश्च खरदूषणदैत्ययुग्मं रामात्परं किमपि तत्त्वमहं न जाने ॥६॥

I do not know of any supreme entity beyond the all-powerful Lord Sri Ramachandra, who defeated Kumbhakarna and Meghnad, and also killed Ravana, who had ten heads and twenty arms, and who, with a single arrow, slew the great demons Khara and Dushana.

लंकाकलंकमरिदोषविमुक्तचित्तात्-श्रीजानकीहितविलास विकासशौर्यात् ।
पौलस्त्यवंशसुविभीषणदत्तराज्याद् रामात्परं किमपि तत्त्वमहं न जाने ॥७॥

I do not know of any supreme entity beyond the all-powerful Lord Sri Ramachandra, who, by averting the stain of his beloved wife's abduction and the demise of his enemy, the king of Lanka, resolved both the enmity and the stain,

who expanded the ultimate welfare and pleasures of the highly contented and his eternal beloved consort Sri Janaki, who bestowed the kingdom of Lanka upon the valiant and virtuous Vibhishana, endowed with courage and valor, and belonging to the Pulastya lineage.

पुष्पादियानपरिरूढसकान्तकान्तात् पुण्यात्मभानुपरिचिन्हितकायपद्मात् ।
ब्रह्मादिहेतु परिधारकरामनामात् रामात्परं किमपि तत्वमहं न जाने ॥८॥

I do not know of any supreme entity beyond the universally worshiped Lord Sri Ramachandra, who is the beloved of Sri Sita and adorned with her beloved consort on the Pushpaka Vimana, who is supremely virtuous and as radiant as Sun-god, and who bears the auspicious name "Sri Rama" to bestow happiness upon the gods led by Brahma, and others alike.

श्रीमद्वशिष्ठपरिभाषितवेदतत्व-सिद्धान्तशान्तदुरितौघविकाशबोधात् ।
कालप्रसङ्गसुसहोदरदुरिकारात् -रामात्परं किमपि तत्वमहं न जाने ॥९॥

I do not know of any supreme entity beyond the righteous Lord Sri Ramachandra, who, through the elucidation of the principles of the Vedas by Sage Vashishtha, has shown the way to pacify all sins, and who, in his resolve to adhere to righteousness, declared, "During my eternal play, I shall not permit anyone to enter the private chamber when I am engaged in intimate conversation with the Time-Personified(Kala) itself. Whoever violates this command of mine, I shall forsake." However, due to fear of the curse, Sri Lakshmana, being apprehensive, allowed Sage Durvasa to enter, and did not stop him from entering, thus sacrificing even his beloved brother for the sake of righteousness. Such is the righteousness upheld by the noble Lord Sri Ram, which I do not know to be different from any other transcendent principle.

वैदेहराजतनयार्चितचित्तरत्नात्- पौलस्त्यवंशसुरिपुक्षयकारियत्नात् ।
कीशावतंसपरिसंशित सैन्यसंघात् रामात्परं किमपि तत्वमहं न जाने ॥१०॥

I do not know of any transcendent entity beyond the divine Lord Sri Ramachandra, who, continuously adored with the gem-like heart of the princess of Videha, endeavored to alleviate her sorrow of separation, who, diligently, eradicated the enemies descending in the lineage of Pulastya and, by organizing the army of revered warriors of the monkey lineage, annihilated the demons.

पौलस्त्यवंशभवकंटकनाशहेतो- संसारचक्रपरिवारिजधर्मसेतो ।
ब्रह्मघ्न कोटिदुरितौघविनाशकेतो रामात्परं किमपि तत्वमहं न जाने ॥११॥

I do not know of any transcendent entity beyond the divine Lord Sri Ramachandra, who became the cause of the destruction of the formidable thorns in the form of the demons of the Pulastya lineage, to smoothly operate the wheel of the world, and who, like a bridge of righteousness, ensured the security of the world, providing it with the lotus-like happiness, beauty, and fragrance, and who, as the refuge for the surrendered, annihilated the multitude of sins, such as millions of Brahmahatyas(brahmin-murder), of those who sought refuge in Him.

त्रैलोक्यपापचितिनाशनसत्कुठारात्-भक्ताजरुद्रहृदयाम्बुजदेवदेवात् ।
कात्यायनीपरममंत्रसुजापरूपात्-रामात्परं किमपि तत्वमहं न जाने ॥१२॥

I do not know of any transcendent entity beyond the divine Lord Sri Ramachandra, who is as sharp as an axe in destroying the multitude of sins in the three worlds, and who, like the supreme deity in the lotus hearts of devotees such as Lord Brahma and Lord Rudra, is also the ultimate worshippable deity of all the gods. Those obtained through the recitation of the mantras of Sri Katyayani are beyond any other supreme entity than Lord Sri Rama.

दैत्यान्तकारिदुरितारिसनातनाद्वा-संसारमोक्षजनिनाममहाप्रभावात् ।
शम्भोः हृदब्जसुनिकेतनविश्वबीजात् रामात्परं किमपि तत्त्वमहं न जाने ॥१३॥

I do not know of any transcendental entity beyond the divine Lord Sri Ramachandra, who is the ultimate enemy of demons and sins, who is eternal and

supreme, and whose name has a profound impact in freeing the world from obstacles and who himself resides in the lotus heart of Lord Shankara as his own abode. I do not know of any other supreme tattva different from Lord Sri Ramachandra, who is the supreme essence and cause of the universe.

पूतीकृताच्चशबरीतनुदामभद्रात् -कर्तुश्च दण्डकवनं परमं पवित्रात् ।
पक्षीन्द्रमुक्तिपरिकल्पन हेतुभूतात्-रामात्परं किमपि तत्त्वमहं न जाने ॥१४॥

I do not know of any transcendent entity beyond the divine Lord Sri Ramachandra, who made Mother Shabari supremely pure, who made the Dandakaranya forest holy and virtuous, and who directly manifested the wish of granting liberation to the king of birds, Jatayu. There is no other supreme tattva other than Lord Sri Ramachandra, who is the embodiment of these divine pastimes.

काशीनिवासतनुनाशकरात् सदैव-मुक्तिं ददात्यखिलजीवसुखप्रयत्नात् ।
नानोग्रपापहरणात्मवधोऽभिधानात् रामात्परं किमपि तत्वमहं न जाने ॥१५॥

I do not know of any transcendent entity beyond the divine Lord Sri Ramachandra, who bestows liberation effortlessly upon all beings who, residing in the holy city of Kashi, have discarded their bodies after hearing His name or mantra, and who, without any effort, grants blissful liberation, even to those who have committed severe and heinous sins such as suicide. There is no other supreme entity beyond Lord Sri Ramachandra, who is the destroyer of all sins.

ब्रह्मेशशेषलसदंशकलावतारात् भक्ताघहानिनिजनामविलासधारात् ।
भक्ताम्बुजालिसुखकारणमुक्तिकारात् रामात्परं किमपि तत्त्वमहं न जाने ॥१६॥

I do not know of any transcendent entity beyond the divine Lord Sri Ramachandra, whose incarnations include Lord Brahma, Lord Shiva, and Lord Ananta-Shesha, who, with the power of his name, destroys the sins of his devotees, who possesses a beautiful and benevolent nature, who experiences delight by bestowing pleasures upon his devotees, and who grants liberation to his devotees to taste the nectar of love for him in their hearts, and provides them eternal residence in his abode. There is no other supreme entity beyond the all-encompassing Lord Sri Ramachandra.

परत्वं रामचन्द्रस्य वशिष्ठेन सुभाषितम् ।
पठनाच्छ्रवणान्नित्यं प्रेमा भक्तिप्रदायकम् ॥

This stuti which illustrates the Supremacy of Lord Sri Ramachandra is sung by Maharishi Vashishta, and those who recite it daily attain loving devotional service for Sri Ramachandra.

॥इतिश्रीमन्महर्षिवशिष्ठ विरचितं श्रीरामपरात्परस्तोत्रम्॥

Here, the Rama Paratpara Stotra (a part of Vashishtha Samhita), composed by Maharishi Vashishtha, concludes